

Historic Preservation in Michigan



Kalamazoo Window Rehabilitation Workshops



The City of Kalamazoo and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network

The current emphasis on energy efficiency and the need to re-train workers converged to convince the city of Kalamazoo, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that Michigan needs more professionals who know how to repair existing wood windows.

During the summer of 2009, with a federal Certified Local Government grant from the SHPO, the city of Kalamazoo partnered with the MHPN and trained unemployed and underemployed contractors. The contractors have new skills, and some started new businesses.

The success of the first workshop spawned additional sessions for contractors and homeowners, resulting in the certification of 33 contractors and 24 homeowners in historic window rehabilitation.

